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CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY BECOMES MINOR HOLIDAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

**Latino Civil Rights Leader to be Honored Annually on His Birthday,
Resolution Allows Employees to Attend "Chavez Day of Action"**

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Peggy Romo West today thanked the County Executive for returning unsigned a resolution creating an annual minor holiday commemorating the birthday of Latino civil rights leader Cesar Chavez. The resolution will now go into effect on Chavez's next birthday, March 31, 2016. A minor holiday is a "floating holiday" allowing workers to take the day off or bank the day for another time.

"Beginning in 2016, County employees will be able to honor one of the most important civil rights leaders in American history," said Romo West, the first Latina elected to the County Board. "This is a day when County employees will be able to attend a 'Chavez Day of Action' and commemorate the legacy of the late leader. We're hopeful that County employees will take the day to do something to better our community while honoring a great Latino-American leader."

Romo West hosts an annual "Chavez Day of Action" to honor Chavez.

Dimitrijevic said, "Cesar Chavez brought about massive social change that improved the lives of many, especially immigrants. As a daughter of immigrants and wife of an immigrant, I am looking forward to honoring this great leader as we continue the struggle for equal access to the American Dream. I encourage all County employees to take that day to reflect on Chavez's accomplishments and the need for equality and justice for all Americans."

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